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ABSTRACT

These two reports look at trends in fall and spring enrollments at Oklahoma City Community College in terms of the following categories: male, female, full-time, part-time, new students, returning students, graduates, single, married, divorced, average age, Black, White, American Indian, Asian, Hispanic, international, other ethnic/no response, immediate job entry, transfer, continuing education, full-time equivalent/credit hours, and average credit hours. Highlighted findings include the following: (1) fall 1984 headcount enrollment was down 10.3% from fall 1983, while spring 1985 enrollment showed a 2.9% increase over spring 1983; (2) students carried an average load of just under two 3 credit hour classes each; (3) males tended to represent a higher percentage of the enrollments in the spring than in the fall; (4) in fall 1984, the average student age was over 30 for the first time during a fall semester, although the average age during the spring semesters was over 30 in spring 1985 and for each of the preceding 5 years; and (5) the percentage of full- (approximately 15%) and part-time (approximately 85%) students remained fairly stable in both fall and spring semesters. (AYC)

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Fall 1984 had a total enrollment of 7,709, a decrease of 10.3% from fall of 1983 in headcount and a decrease of 9.7% in credit hours from 48,997 fall 1983 to 44,237 this fall. The average credit hours carried by each student remained at about 5.7, just under two 3 credit hour classes each.

The male/female break was 40%/60% with more females than males. This has been the breakdown for the past five fall semesters. The average age was over thirty for the first time during a fall semester but the spring semesters have had an average age of over thirty for the past five years. The marital status of this fall's students is similar to what it has been in previous falls, with the largest percent being married. The ethnic background showed an increase in the percent of Asians and the other categories showed only very minor increases or decreases.

The breakdown of full- and part-time students is the same as it has been since the fall of 1981 with approximately 15% of the students being full-time and 85% being part-time. The first time students to Oklahoma City Community College continued its downward trend, dropping 3.3% from the fall of 1983 and hitting an all time low for a fall semester at 29.5%. The reasons students were enrolled in classes have changed also. Decreases were experienced in the percent of students indicating immediate job entry and transfer plans, while those in continuing education increased. Continuing education students are those who are here to take a class of special interest to them or to take some classes to see if there is anything which stimulates their interest. The Table at the end of this report contains all of the specific information presented.

In conclusion, we have fewer first time students percentagewise than in any previous fall. This decrease in first time students will become an increasingly serious problem as time passes. The college is drawing more of the refuge students as can be seen in the increase in the Asian students. This trend toward increased international students, if continued, will have an impact on a number of college programs and activities. The continuing education student is usually not seeking a degree and does not carry as many credit hours; therefore, if this trend continues, the number of credit hours generated will continue to decrease as we increase the headcount.

ENROLLMENT SUMMARIES - SPRING 1978 THROUGH FALL 1984

CATEGORY	SPRING 1978	FALL 1978	SPRING 1979	FALL 1979	SPRING 1980	FALL 1980	SPRING 1981	FALL 1981
TOTAL ENROLLMENT	5184	*5421	*5192	6313	6819	7345	7934	7873
MALE	2378 (45.9%)	2242 (42.4%)	2214 (43.7%)	2513 (39.8%)	3024 (44.3%)	2983 (40.6%)	3376 (42.6%)	3178 (40.4%)
FEMALE	2806 (54.1%)	3043 (57.6%)	2851 (56.3%)	3800 (60.2%)	3795 (55.7%)	4362 (59.4%)	4558 (57.4%)	4695 (59.6%)
FULL-TIME	1325 (25.6%)	1070 (20.2%)	1063 (21.0%)	1206 (19.1%)	1335 (19.6%)	1304 (17.8%)	1373 (17.3%)	1231 (15.6%)
PART-TIME	3859 (74.4%)	4215 (79.8%)	4002 (79.0%)	5107 (80.9%)	5484 (80.4%)	6041 (82.2%)	6561 (82.7%)	6642 (84.4%)
NEW STUDENTS (first time at OKCCC)	2139 (41.3%)	2300 (43.8%)	1846 (36.4%)	2745 (43.5%)	2569 (37.7%)	3060 (41.7%)	2810 (35.4%)	3078 (39.1%)
RETURNING STUDENTS	2986 (57.6%)	2714 (51.6%)	2898 (57.2%)	3153 (49.9%)	3686 (54.1%)	3763 (51.2%)	4454 (56.1%)	4225 (53.7%)
GRADUATES (Special)	59 (1.1%)	242 (4.6%)	321 (6.3%)	415 (6.6%)	564 (8.3%)	522 (7.1%)	670 (8.5%)	570 (7.3%)
SINGLE	1909 (36.8%)	1952 (36.9%)	1796 (39.0%)	2305 (36.5%)	2419 (35.5%)	2812 (38.3%)	2894 (36.5%)	3074 (39.0%)
MARRIED	2558 (49.3%)	2621 (49.6%)	2582 (51.0%)	3193 (50.6%)	3469 (50.9%)	3560 (48.5%)	4043 (51.0%)	3844 (48.8%)
WIDOWED	73 (1.4%)	67 (1.3%)	66 (1.3%)	83 (1.3%)	102 (1.5%)	93 (1.3%)	86 (1.0%)	89 (1.1%)
DIVORCED/SEPARATED	644 (12.4%)	645 (12.2%)	621 (12.3%)	732 (11.6%)	829 (12.2%)	880 (12.0%)	911 (11.5%)	866 (11.0%)
AVERAGE AGE	29.20 yrs.	28.6 yrs.	29.10 yrs.	29.4 yrs.	30.01 yrs.	29.5 yrs.	30.15 yrs.	29.63 yrs.
BLACK	316 (6.1%)	255 (4.8%)	244 (4.8%)	326 (5.2%)	299 (4.4%)	313 (4.3%)	345 (4.3%)	323 (4.1%)
WHITE	4176 (80.6%)	4599 (87.0%)	4335 (85.6%)	5437 (86.1%)	5021 (85.4%)	6280 (85.5%)	6775 (85.4%)	6740 (85.6%)
AMERICAN INDIAN	191 (3.7%)	184 (3.5%)	251 (4.9%)	257 (4.1%)	292 (4.3%)	226 (3.1%)	220 (2.8%)	189 (2.4%)
ASIAN	23 (.4%)	87 (1.5%)	1 (.02%)	119 (1.9%)	181 (2.7%)	297 (4.0%)	319 (4.0%)	352 (4.5%)
HISPANIC	77 (1.5%)	74 (1.4%)	64 (1.3%)	66 (1.1%)	105 (1.5%)	98 (1.3%)	110 (1.4%)	105 (1.3%)
INTERNATIONAL	75 (1.5%)	64 (1.2%)	88 (1.7%)	***	***	***	***	***
OTHER/NO RESPONSE	326 (6.3%)	22 (.4%)	82 (1.6%)	108 (1.7%)	119 (1.8%)	131 (1.8%)	167 (2.1%)	164 (2.1%)
IMMEDIATE JOB ENTRY	2880 (55.6%)	**2094 (39.6%)	**2248 (44.4%)	2963 (46.9%)	2942 (43.1%)	2353 (38.8%)	3063 (38.6%)	2771 (35.2%)
TRANSFER	630 (12.2%)	**1415 (26.8%)	**1313 (26.0%)	1311 (20.8%)	1590 (23.3%)	1562 (21.3%)	1687 (21.3%)	1480 (18.8%)
CONTINUING EDUCATION	1674 (32.3%)	**1776 (33.6%)	**1504 (29.7%)	2039 (32.3%)	2289 (33.6%)	2930 (39.9%)	3184 (40.1%)	3622 (46.0%)
FTE/CREDIT HOURS	2455 / 36825	2363 / 35440	2259 / 33886	2595 / 38931	2815 / 42227	2913 / 43693	3031 / 45464	3030 / 45442
AVERAGE CREDIT HOURS	7.10	6.54	6.53	6.17	6.19	5.95	5.73	5.77

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ENROLLMENT SUMMARIES - SPRING 1978 THROUGH FALL 1984 (CONT'D.)

CATEGORY	SPRING 1982	FALL 1982	SPRING 1983	FALL 1983	SPRING 1984	FALL 1984
TOTAL ENROLLMENT	7991	7721	9227	8590	8481	7709
MALE	3567 (44.6%)	3152 (40.8%)	3925 (42.5%)	3363 (39.2%)	3506 (41.3%)	3074 (39.9%)
FEMALE	4424 (55.4%)	4569 (59.2%)	5302 (57.5%)	5227 (60.8%)	4975 (58.7%)	4635 (60.1%)
FULL-TIME	1239 (15.5%)	1205 (15.6%)	1429 (15.5%)	1318 (15.3%)	1308 (15.4%)	1166 (15.1%)
PART-TIME	6752 (84.5%)	6516 (84.4%)	7798 (84.5%)	7272 (84.7%)	7173 (84.6%)	6543 (84.9%)
NEW STUDENTS (first time at OKCCC)	2590 (32.4%)	2695 (34.9%)	2972 (32.2%)	2813 (32.8%)	2458 (29.0%)	2277 (29.5%)
RETURNING STUDENTS	4779 (59.8%)	4394 (56.9%)	5301 (57.5%)	4997 (58.1%)	5234 (61.7%)	4734 (61.4%)
GRADUATES (Special)	622 (7.8%)	632 (8.2%)	954+ (10.3%)	780 (9.1%)	789 (9.3%)	698 (9.1%)
SINGLE	3145 (39.4%)	3110 (40.3%)	3578 (38.8%)	3479 (40.6%)	3558 (42.0%)	3275 (42.5%)
MARRIED	3867 (48.4%)	3727 (48.3%)	4521 (49.0%)	4144 (48.2%)	3950 (46.6%)	3588 (46.5%)
WIDOWED	100 (1.3%)	91 (1.2%)	91 (1.0%)	80 (0.9%)	81 (1.0%)	82 (1.1%)
DIVORCED/SEPARATED	879 (11.0%)	793 (10.3%)	1037 (11.2%)	887 (10.3%)	892 (10.5%)	659 (8.5%)
AVERAGE AGE	30.08 yrs.	29.74 yrs.	30.14 yrs.	29.84 yrs.	30.22 yrs.	30.30 yrs.
BLACK	337 (4.2%)	319 (4.1%)	356 (3.9%)	373 (4.3%)	371 (4.4%)	352 (4.6%)
WHITE	6816 (85.3%)	6617 (85.7%)	8073 (87.5%)	7407 (86.2%)	7324 (86.4%)	6603 (85.7%)
AMERICAN INDIAN	181 (2.3%)	168 (2.2%)	177 (1.9%)	168 (2.0%)	166 (2.0%)	144 (1.9%)
ASIAN	394 (4.9%)	375 (4.9%)	363 (3.9%)	388 (4.5%)	402 (4.7%)	398 (5.2%)
HISPANIC	104 (1.3%)	100 (1.3%)	150 (1.6%)	155 (1.8%)	129 (1.5%)	132 (1.7%)
INTERNATIONAL	***	***	***	***	***	***
OTHER/NO RESPONSE	159 (2.0%)	140 (1.8%)	108 (1.2%)	99 (1.2%)	89 (1.1%)	80 (1.0%)
IMMEDIATE JOB ENTRY	2945 (36.9%)	2694 (34.9%)	2944 (31.9%)	3122 (36.3%)	2658 (31.3%)	2333 (30.3%)
TRANSFER	1672 (20.9%)	1600 (20.7%)	1649 (17.9%)	1677 (19.5%)	1519 (17.3%)	1366 (17.7%)
CONTINUING EDUCATION	3374 (42.2%)	3427 (44.4%)	4634 (50.2%)	3791 (44.2%)	4304 (50.7%)	4010 (52.0%)
FTE/CREDIT HOURS	3116 / 46744	3022 / 45336	3519 / 52783	3267 / 48997	3174 / 47616	2949 / 44,237
AVERAGE CREDIT HOURS	5.85	5.87	5.72	5.70	5.61	5.74

*Included in this total are 127 people (Spring) and 136 people (Fall) on whom data was not obtained from the computer.

**Numbers are not comparable to previous years due to changes in the reporting system.

***International and Oriental American catogories have been eliminated with Asians replacing Orientals and many Internationals also falling into the Asian category.

+High School concurrent enrollments included here.

A COMPARISON OF SPRING 1985 STUDENTS WITH THOSE FROM PREVIOUS SEMESTERS

RESEARCH MONOGRAPH V

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Spring 1985 had a total enrollment of 8,723, an increase of 2.9% from the spring of 1984 in headcount and an increase of 1.7% in credit hours from 47,616 spring 1984 to 48,442 this spring. The average credit hours carried by each student dropped to 5.55 indicating that each student was enrolled in less than two 3 credit hour classes.

The male/female break was 42%/58% with more females than males. This has been the breakdown for the past two spring semesters. The average age was just over thirty for the fifth spring semester. The marital status of this spring's students is similar to what it had been in springs 1981 and 1982, with the largest percent continuing to fall in the married category. The ethnic background showed only very minor increases or decreases in each of the six categories.

The breakdown of full- and part-time students is the same as it has been since the spring of 1982 with approximately 15% of the students being full-time and 85% being part-time. The first time students to Oklahoma City Community College continued its downward trend, dropping 0.9% from the spring of 1984 and hitting an all time low for any previous semester at 28.1%. The reasons students reported for enrolling in classes have changed only slightly from spring 1984. The decrease in the percent of students indicating transfer plans brought the percentage below 17 for the first time in college history, while those in continuing education increased to an all time high of 51.8%. Continuing education students are those who are here to take a class of special interest to them or to take some classes to see if there is anything which stimulates their interest. The Table at the end of this report contains all of the specific information presented above.

In conclusion, we have fewer first time students percentagewise than in any previous semester. This decrease in first time students will become an increasingly serious problem as time passes. The continuing education student is usually not seeking a degree and does not carry as many credit hours as an IJE student or a transfer student; therefore, if this trend continues, the number of credit hours generated will continue to decrease as we increase the headcount. The average credit hours carried by each student continued its decline hitting an all time low of 5.55. This means that the students we have are taking fewer credit hours and ultimately this is costing the college both in revenue and in increased services.

ENROLLMENT SUMMARIES - SPRING 1978 THROUGH SPRING 1985

CATEGORY	SPRING 1978	FALL 1978	SPRING 1979	FALL 1979	SPRING 1980	FALL 1980	SPRING 1981	FALL 1981
TOTAL ENROLLMENT	5184	*5421	*5192	6313	6819	7345	7934	7873
MALE	2378 (45.9%)	2242 (42.4%)	2214 (43.7%)	2513 (39.8%)	3024 (44.3%)	2983 (40.6%)	3376 (42.6%)	3178 (40.4%)
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FULL-TIME	1325 (25.6%)	1070 (20.2%)	1063 (21.0%)	1206 (19.1%)	1335 (19.6%)	1304 (17.8%)	1373 (17.3%)	1231 (15.6%)
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RETURNING STUDENTS	2986 (57.6%)	2714 (51.6%)	2898 (57.2%)	3153 (49.9%)	3686 (54.1%)	3763 (51.2%)	4456 (56.1%)	4225 (53.7%)
GRADUATES (Special)	59 (1.1%)	242 (4.6%)	321 (6.3%)	415 (6.6%)	564 (8.3%)	522 (7.1%)	670 (8.5%)	570 (7.3%)
SINGLE	1909 (36.8%)	1952 (36.9%)	1796 (39.0%)	2305 (36.5%)	2419 (35.5%)	2812 (38.3%)	2894 (36.5%)	3074 (39.0%)
MARRIED	2558 (49.3%)	2621 (49.6%)	2582 (51.0%)	3193 (50.6%)	3469 (50.9%)	3560 (48.5%)	4043 (51.0%)	3844 (48.8%)
WIDOWED	73 (1.4%)	67 (1.3%)	66 (1.3%)	83 (1.3%)	102 (1.5%)	93 (1.3%)	86 (1.0%)	89 (1.1%)
DIVORCED/SEPARATED	644 (12.4%)	645 (12.2%)	621 (12.3%)	732 (11.6%)	829 (12.2%)	880 (12.0%)	911 (11.5%)	866 (11.0%)
AVERAGE AGE	29.20 yrs.	28.6 yrs.	29.10 yrs.	29.4 yrs.	30.01 yrs.	29.5 yrs.	30.15 yrs.	29.63 yrs.
BLACK	316 (6.1%)	255 (4.8%)	244 (4.8%)	326 (5.2%)	299 (4.4%)	313 (4.3%)	345 (4.3%)	323 (4.1%)
WHITE	4176 (80.6%)	4599 (87.0%)	4335 (85.6%)	5437 (86.1%)	5821 (85.4%)	6280 (85.5%)	6775 (85.4%)	6740 (85.6%)
AMERICAN INDIAN	191 (3.7%)	184 (3.5%)	251 (4.9%)	257 (4.1%)	292 (4.3%)	226 (3.1%)	220 (2.8%)	189 (2.4%)
ASIAN	23 (.4%)	87 (1.6%)	1 (.02%)	119 (1.9%)	181 (2.7%)	297 (4.0%)	319 (4.0%)	352 (4.5%)
HISPANIC	77 (1.5%)	74 (1.4%)	64 (1.3%)	66 (1.0%)	105 (1.5%)	98 (1.3%)	110 (1.4%)	105 (1.3%)
INTERNATIONAL	75 (1.5%)	64 (1.2%)	88 (1.7%)	***	***	***	***	***
OTHER/NO RESPONSE	326 (6.3%)	22 (.4%)	82 (1.6%)	108 (1.7%)	119 (1.8%)	131 (1.8%)	167 (2.1%)	164 (2.1%)
IMMEDIATE JOB ENTRY	2880 (55.6%)	**2094 (39.6%)	**2248 (44.4%)	2963 (46.9%)	2942 (43.1%)	2853 (38.8%)	3063 (38.6%)	2771 (35.2%)
TRANSFER	630 (12.2%)	**1415 (26.8%)	**1313 (26.0%)	1311 (20.8%)	1590 (23.3%)	1562 (21.3%)	1687 (21.3%)	1480 (18.8%)
CONTINUING EDUCATION	1674 (32.3%)	**1776 (33.6%)	**1504 (29.7%)	2039 (32.3%)	2289 (33.6%)	2930 (39.9%)	3184 (40.1%)	3622 (46.0%)
FTE/CREDIT HOURS	2455 / 36825	2363 / 35440	2259 / 33886	2595 / 38931	2815 / 42227	2913 / 43693	3031 / 45464	3030 / 45442
AVERAGE CREDIT HOURS	7.10	6.54	6.53	6.17	6.19	5.95	5.73	5.77

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ENROLLMENT SUMMARIES - SPRING 1978 THROUGH SPRING 1985
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CATEGORY	SPRING 1982	FALL 1982	SPRING 1983	FALL 1983	SPRING 1984	FALL 1984	SPRING 1985
TOTAL ENROLLMENT	7991	7721	9227	8590	8481	7709	8723
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FEMALE	4424 (55.4%)	4569 (59.2%)	5302 (57.5%)	5227 (60.8%)	4975 (58.7%)	4635 (60.1%)	5089 (58.3%)
FULL-TIME	1239 (15.5%)	1205 (15.6%)	1429 (15.5%)	1318 (15.3%)	1308 (15.4%)	1166 (15.1%)	1287 (14.8%)
PART-TIME	6752 (84.5%)	6516 (84.4%)	7798 (84.5%)	7272 (84.7%)	7173 (84.6%)	6543 (84.9%)	7436 (85.2%)
NEW STUDENTS (first time at OKCCC)	2590 (32.4%)	2695 (34.9%)	2972 (32.2%)	2813 (32.8%)	2458 (29.0%)	2277 (29.5%)	2455 (28.1%)
RETURNING STUDENTS	4779 (59.8%)	4394 (56.9%)	5301 (57.5%)	4997 (58.1%)	5234 (61.7%)	4734 (61.4%)	5411 (62.0%)
GRADUATES (Special)	622 (7.8%)	632 (8.2%)	954+ (10.3%)	780 (9.1%)	789 (9.3%)	698 (9.1%)	857 (9.8%)
SINGLE	3145 (39.4%)	3110 (40.3%)	3578 (38.8%)	3479 (40.6%)	3558 (42.0%)	3275 (42.5%)	3470 (39.8%)
MARRIED	3867 (48.4%)	3727 (48.3%)	4521 (49.0%)	4144 (48.2%)	3950 (46.6%)	3588 (46.5%)	4296 (49.2%)
WIDOWED	100 (1.3%)	91 (1.2%)	91 (1.0%)	80 (0.9%)	81 (1.0%)	82 (1.1%)	82 (0.9%)
DIVORCED/SEPARATED	879 (11.0%)	793 (10.3%)	1037 (11.2%)	887 (10.3%)	892 (10.5%)	659 (8.5%)	875 (10.1%)
AVERAGE AGE	30.02 yrs.	29.74 yrs.	30.14 yrs.	29.84 yrs.	30.22 yrs.	30.30 yrs.	30.90 yrs.
BLACK	337 (4.2%)	319 (4.1%)	356 (3.9%)	373 (4.3%)	371 (4.4%)	352 (4.6%)	390 (4.5%)
WHITE	6816 (85.3%)	6617 (85.7%)	8073 (87.5%)	7407 (86.2%)	7324 (86.4%)	6603 (85.7%)	7520 (86.2%)
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HISPANIC	104 (1.3%)	100 (1.3%)	150 (1.6%)	155 (1.8%)	129 (1.5%)	132 (1.7%)	140 (1.6%)
INTERNATIONAL	***	***	***	***	***	***	***
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IMMEDIATE JOB ENTRY	2945 (36.9%)	2694 (34.9%)	2944 (31.9%)	3122 (36.3%)	2658 (31.3%)	2333 (30.3%)	2740 (31.4%)
TRANSFER	1672 (20.9%)	1600 (20.7%)	1649 (17.9%)	1677 (19.5%)	1519 (17.9%)	1366 (17.7%)	1465 (16.8%)
CONTINUING EDUCATION	3374 (42.2%)	3427 (44.4%)	4634 (50.2%)	3791 (44.2%)	4304 (50.7%)	4010 (52.0%)	4518 (51.8%)
FTE/CREDIT HOURS	3116 / 46744	3022 / 45336	3519 / 52783	3267 / 48997	3174 / 47616	2949 / 44,237	3230 /48,442
AVERAGE CREDIT HOURS	5.85	5.87	5.72	5.70	5.61	5.74	5.55

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